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1. A fishing tackle utility box comprising:
 - a. a main tubular body having an interior and exterior, and open at each end of said tubular body;
 - 5 b. a center partition bisecting said main tubular body between said ends and dividing the internal volume of said main tubular body into two portions;
 - c. a network of partitions arranged around the interior circumference of said main tubular body, said network of partitions dividing each of said portions of said main tubular body into a plurality of compartments;
- 10 d. a handle connected to one exterior surface of said tube;
- e. two end plates, with each of said end plates connected to and covering one of said ends of said main tubular body by connecting hinge means and secured in place by closure means, with each of said end plates further comprising a planar member having a geometric shape identical to the cross-sectional shape of said main tubular body.
- 15 2. The fishing tackle utility box of claim 1, wherein said cross-sectional shape of said main tubular body is an octagon.
3. The fishing tackle utility box of claim 2, wherein said network of partitions further defines a central cavity within each of said portions of said main tubular body, and further comprising a plurality of horizontal trays disposed in a superposed stacked relation within said central cavity, wherin the end walls said trays close the end opening of said central cavity when said plurality of horizontal trays are inserted fully into said central cavity and wherein each of said horizontal trays may be inserted into or withdrawn from said central cavity.
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4. The fishing tackle utility box of claim 2, wherein said closure means further comprise a two-piece, hook-and-eye textile, with the first piece of said textile permanently disposed on the exterior of said main tubular body at the end of said main tubular body, and with one end of the second piece of said textile permanently disposed on the exterior surface of said end plate at a point corresponding to the position of said first piece of said textile, wherein the other end of said second piece of said textile overlapping said first piece of said textile.

5. The fishing tackle utility box of claim 3, wherein said closure means further comprise a two-piece, hook-and-eye textile, with the first piece of said textile permanently disposed on the exterior of said main tubular body at the end of said main tubular body, and with one end of the second piece of said textile permanently disposed on the exterior surface of said end plate at a point corresponding to the position of said first piece of said textile, wherein the other end of said second piece of said textile overlapping said first piece of said textile.

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